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## Darrow Named Next Superintendent of Chisholm Schools

The Chisholm Board of Education has selected Dr. Dudley Darrow as the district's next superintendent. Chisholm board members approved his hiring during a regular board meeting Wednesday night.

Darrow, currently an assistant superintendent for Enid Public Schools, will officially begin his duties July 1.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Darrow to our school family, and we are confident he is the right choice to lead our district," Danielle Deterding, Board of Education president, said. "Our community – students, staff, parents and residents – have high expectations for our schools. Dr. Darrow has the experience and abilities to not only reach those expectations, but to take us to new heights. It's an exciting day to be a Chisholm Longhorn."

Darrow began his career as a math teacher and coach with Mustang Public Schools in 2002, before moving to similar positions at Enid High School (EHS) in 2005. He entered school administration in 2011 as an assistant principal at EHS. In 2016, he was promoted to EHS principal, where he served until 2020 when the district named him Enid Public Schools Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education.

Darrow received his bachelor's degree in education from Northwestern Oklahoma State University (NWOSU), his master's degree in school administration from University of Central Oklahoma and his doctorate from Oklahoma State University. He has also served as an adjunct instructor for NWOSU.

A proud northwest Oklahoma native, Darrow said he feels honored to be selected to lead Chisholm schools.

"I want to thank the Chisholm School Board for giving me this amazing opportunity. I'm extremely grateful to Enid Public Schools for the last 17 years, but I'm looking forward to this new chapter of my career," Darrow said. "Chisholm has a strong tradition of excellence – from the buildings and programs to the students, parents and staff. I know there is a bright future ahead, and I'm thrilled to be part of it."

Darrow said students, staff members, parents and residents can expect him to be visible in the community and to focus on what is needed for students to reach their greatest potential.

"Chisholm students deserve the very best," he said. "I'll work to ensure they have the strongest academic and extracurricular opportunities possible. We'll involve parents, teachers, support professionals and community members as we strive to make continuous improvement every day. When we work together, there are no limits to what we can accomplish for Chisholm students."

Darrow and his family currently reside in Enid. His wife, Dr. Megan Darrow, is a dentist at Dental Arts. They have two children: Dallas, 14, and Audrey, 10.

"My son will be a ninth-grader next year, and my daughter will be a fifth-grader," Darrow said. "My entire family is excited to join the district and community and to become proud Chisholm Longhorns."

Darrow will succeed interim superintendent Jim Lamer, who will continue to serve through the end of this school year.